

FORM B - BUILDING

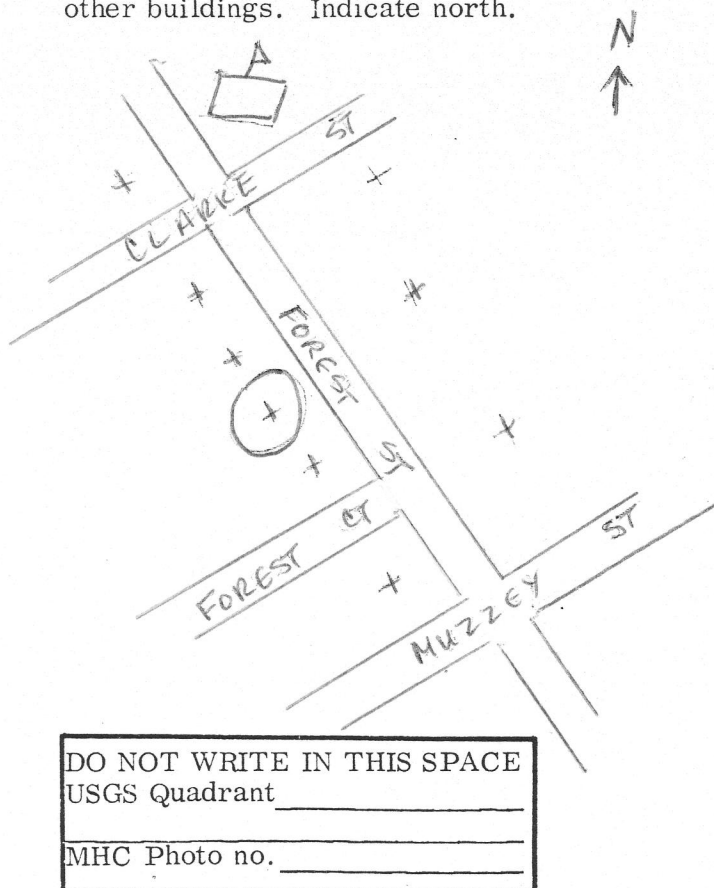
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City Lexington  
Address 24 Forest St.  
Name Horace Davis House  
Present use Dwelling  
Present owner Peter Kelley 1973  
Description:  
Built 1847  
Source Mrs. Kelley  
Italianate (altered)  
Remarks Much alteration (Mrs. Kelley)

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior wall fabric White aluminum clapboards  
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other features Brick foundation. Cross gable roof, 2 bay windows on each side, (one has angled side)  
Altered Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved from Waltham Street Date 1887

5. Lot size:  
One acre or less 7000 ft<sup>2</sup> Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 58'  
Approximate distance of building from street 25'

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7. Original owner (if known) Horace B. Davis

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal            | _____    | Conservation               | _____ | Recreation              | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____    | Education                  | _____ | Religion                | _____ |
| Architectural         | <u>x</u> | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | _____    |                            |       |                         |       |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Front porch 2 bays wide, lattice below, now has built up sides of rail inclapboard

This house was built in 1847 for Horace B. Davis, later an assessor for the fourteen years from 1876 to 1889. It originally stood on Waltham Street on the lot immediately to the north of the present No. 82. In 1887, however, Davis sold the house to Hammon Reed, who owned the house still across Waltham Street at No. 87. Reed moved this house to its present location on Forest Street and built a new one for his new son-in-law, Fred K. Brown, on the vacated lot on Waltham Street. By 1889 this house was apparently owned by a Miss Sarah Chandler and by 1906 by Mrs. Alice C. Reed, a dressmaker.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Hudson, Charles, History of the Town of Lexington, Vol. II (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1913), pp. 568-69.

1889 map  
1898 map  
1906 map  
1887 Directory  
1906 Directory

Minute Man, Aug. 4, 1906.